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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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Re: Docket No. AB-1036, The City of Chicago, Illinois -- Adverse Abandonment -- Chicago Terminal Railroad in Chicago, IL

Dear Section of Administration Chief:

On January 14, 2010, Chicago Terminal Railroad (CTM) filed a Motion to Strike a Notice of Intent to File an Application for Adverse Abandonment that had been filed by the City of Chicago, Illinois (the City) on January 13, 2010 (Motion). CTM's Motion included a Request that the City be ordered to cease and desist from removing trackage from the rail lines to be covered by the Abandonment Application without Board authority (Request).

On January 22, 2010, CTM filed a Supplemental Verified Statement in support of its Motion and Request. CTM did not seek leave to file that Statement. By virtue of the Supplemental Verified Statement, CTM changed the rationale relied on for the relief sought in the Motion and Request.

The City intends to file a Reply in Opposition to the Motion and Request. In view of the substantive nature of the Supplemental Verified Statement filed by CTM on January 22, 2010, the City intends to file its Reply within 20 days of that filing, or on or before February 11, 2010.

If that filing date is not correct, the Board is respectfully requested to notify me of the correct due date for the City's Reply.

Very truly yours,

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